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((TEXT)) ISLAMABAD, FEB 19 (AFP -- AN ANGRY CROWD RANSACKED AF AFGHAN GUERRILLAS' OFFICE, BURNT A DOZEN OF THEIR VEHICLES AND FORCED SHOPS TO CLOSE IN THE BORDERING PAKISTANI TOWN OF PESHAWAR AFTER A BLAST IN A PRIMARY SCHOOL BUILDINGS THURSDAY MORNING KILLED 13 PEOPLE AND WOUNDED MORE THAN 50 MOSTLY CHILDREN POLICE AND WITNESSES REPORTED.

STUDENTS CHANTING ANTI-AFGHAN REFUGEE SLOGANS POURED INTO THE STREETS AND CLASHED WITH POLICE AS EMOTIONS RAN HIGH OVER ALLEGATIONS THAT THE PRESENCE OF THE THREE MILLION AFGHAN REFUGEES IN PAKISTAN WAS CAUSING LAW AND ORDER PROBLEMS IN THE COUNTRY. PRESIDENT _ZIAUL_HAQ DENIED THE ACCUSATIONS ONLY TWO DAYS AGO.

POLICE SAID A POWERFUL BLAST RIPPED THROUGH GARHI QAHAPUDDIN SCHOOL 5:03 A.M. (0403 _GNT) WHEN THE SCHOOL'S 500 STUDENTS WERE ATTENDING THEIR MORNING ASSEMBLY. THE EXPLOSION ORIGINATED FROM A TRUCK PARKED OUTSIDE THE SCHOOL WHICH IS LOCATED CLOSE TO THE OFFICE OF AN AFGHAN REBEL ORGANISATION, JAMIAT J-ISLAMI.

POLICE SUSPECTED "SABOTEURS" PLANTED THE BOMB BUT WITNESSES SAID THE CROWD WHICH GATHERED FOLLOWING THE BLAST APPARENTLY BLAMED THE INCIDENT ON AFGHAN REBELS WHO THEY CLAIMED WERE TRANSFERRING MUNITIONS.

A 13-YEAR-OLD GIRL, A TRUCK DRIVER AND A MASON DIED ON THE SPOT IN THE EXPLOSION, WHICH DESTROYED THE SCHOOL BUILDING, CARVED ON A TWO METER DEEP HOLE AND DAMAGED SEVERAL NEARBY BUILDINGS AND VEHICLES.

ANOTHER EIGHT PEOPLE DIED ON THE WAY TO HOSPITAL. TWO MORE BODIES RETRIEVED FROM THE DEBRIS COULD NOT BE IDENTIFIED.

WITNESSES SAID THAT AFTER ATTACKING THE JAMIAT'S OFFICE AND SETTING ON FIRE 12 VEHICLES BELONGING TO THE ORGANIZATION, THE CROWD RANSACKED ANOTHER JAMIAT OFFICE BEHIND THE SCHOOL BEFORE BEING PUSHED BACK BY THE BESIEGED AFGHAN REFUGEES FIRING WARNING SHOTS.

STUDENTS FROM PESHAWAR'S POLYTECHNIC COLLEGE BOYCOTTED CLASSES AND ALSO TOOK TO THE STREETS WHERE HUNDREDS OF YOUTHS FROM OTHER SCHOOLS, ORDERED CLOSED IN THE MOURNING, JOINED THEM IN A PROCESSION STEALING VEHICLES AND DAMAGING SHOPS, THE WITNESSES SAID.

THE STUDENTS, SHOUTING SLOGANS AGAINST THE AFGHAN REFUGEES, "THE PAKISTANI GOVERNMENT AND THE UNITED STATES,

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CLASHED WITH POLICE INFORMING FRIGHTENED SHOP KEEPERS TO PULL DOWN THEIR SHUTTERS.

POLICE WERE REPORTED TO HAVE USED TRUNCHEON AND TEAR GAS IN SEVERAL PLACES INSIDE PESHAWAR TO QUELL THE VIOLENCE.

AFGHAN REBEL SOURCES REFUSED TO COMMENT ON THE SITUATION, REPORTED TO BE TENSE IN THE CITY WHICH HAS BEEN ROCKED BY BOMB BLASTS SINCE THE BEGINNING OF HTE YEAR. THE [ILLEG] PRESS HAS ACCUSED AFGHAN SECRET SERVICE [ILLEG] AGENTS OF CARRYING OUT BOMB ATTACKS TO FOMENT LOCAL REFUGEE RIFTS.

